Title I Conference

The 2002-2003 Title I Conference will be held in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn, on February 24-26, 2003. The conference will begin at 1:00 pm on Monday with a General Session for teachers, paraprofessionals, parents, and administrators. A keynote speaker has been invited from the US Department of Education to provide an overview of Title I and the No Child Left Behind Act. Additional sessions will provide an update on the Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS), the process and timeline for determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals, and requirements for professional development.

The second day of the conference will include workshops on scientifically-based reading and math programs in grades K-8 and 9-12. Additional workshops on increasing parent involvement and family literacy, and teaming for student and school success will also be scheduled.

The third day will be limited to participants from high priority schools that have been identified for program improvement. Team members from invited schools will meet in small groups to share successes and challenges from the 2001-2002 school year and to report on plans for the future.

Additional information on conference registration and content will be distributed to all schools in the near future.

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